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LETTER DATED 15 SEPTEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF ARGENTINA AND NEW ZEALAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We are writing to request, in accordance with Rule 2 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Security Council, that you call a meeting of the Security Council, to consider various procedural questions that concern the operation of the Council.

We should be grateful if you would request the Secretary-General to bring this letter to the attention of all representatives on the Security Council and to circulate it as a document of the Security Council.

You will recall that during the month of April the Security Council Working Group considered a number of proposals designed to improve the procedures that the Council employs in its consideration of peace-keeping matters. In particular, the Council considered the need for consultation with interested States, especially with troop-contributing countries, and the need to further improve briefing procedures for Security Council members.

In the statement by the President of the Security Council on 3 May 1994 (S/PRST/1994/22), the Security Council stated it would keep such matters under review.

You will recall that it had been our view that institutionalizing new mechanisms would be desirable. Others were of the view that informal procedures would suffice. We believe that the practice of the Council on these issues over the past four months has not shown the improvement which we think is necessary. We may well need, in due course, to return to the proposal that new procedural steps be somehow institutionalized. However, before doing so we wish to explore a different alternative to improve procedures without going to that point.

We propose therefore that the Council decide to structure certain procedures, as follows:

(a) To improve its internal procedure the President or a member of his delegation would convene on a weekly basis an informal working group of the members of the Council to review the "Weekly Digest of Peace-keeping Missions".

The Group would be convened on a more regular basis as necessary if and when daily situation reports from DPKO suggested this was desirable. Staff from DPKO would be invited to participate in this meeting.

(b) To provide for appropriate consultation with countries outside the Council

- The President of the Council (or a member of his delegation) would convene, normally in the second week of every month, informal discussions involving the members of the Council and all troop-contributing countries to review the "Digest of Peace-keeping Missions" produced weekly by DPKO and the monthly forecast of the Council's programme of work. An agenda for the meeting would be circulated a week in advance.

- In the event that this regular meeting revealed areas of substantial concern which warranted further discussion the Presidency would convene specific "ad hoc" meetings of the troop-contributing countries involved in the operation in question.

- Where specific meetings are convened as envisaged above, the President would consider also inviting to participate in the ad hoc meetings neighbouring or regional States whose interests are or may be specially affected.

- Representatives of the Secretary-General would be requested to participate in the regular and specific meetings and invited to brief delegations and respond to questions, as appropriate.

Our delegations are ready to present to the Council a draft text that would enable the Council to decide to systematize its procedure along the lines we have suggested herein. Such a decision should be in the form of either a resolution or a statement by the President.

(Signed) C. R. KEATING
Permanent Representative
of New Zealand

(Signed) E. J. CARDENAS
Permanent Representative
of Argentina

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NOTE VERBALE DATED 29 JUNE 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF PANAMA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Panama to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him, in connection with paragraph 13 of Security Council resolution 917 (1994) of 6 May 1994, on the embargo against Haiti; that the Government of Panama has taken all appropriate measures to implement the provisions of that resolution.

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LETTER DATED 16 SEPTEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 1 to 10 September 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation.

1 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Aqrah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Khidr, Samawah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

2 September 1994

Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Samawah, Salman, Chabaish, Ushbayjah and Artawi.

3 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

4 September 1994

Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah, Chabaish, Basra, Qurnah, Amarah and Qal'at Salih.

5 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

6 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Chabaish, Jalibah and Busayyah.

7 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 67 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

- At 1248 hours on 7 September 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance plane violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Artawi, Nasiriyah, Samawah and the area to the south of Diwaniyah. It departed at 1530 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

8 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Salman, Chabaish, Qal'at Sukkar, Jalibah, Shatrah, Ushbayjah, Jabal Sanam and Umm Qasr.

9 September 1994

Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Shatrah, Artawi and Lasaf.

10 September 1994

Southern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Lasaf, Chabaish, Jalibah and Artawi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative